

1. My name is Asif Khan Khalil, I was born on September 6<sup>th</sup> 1992 in Peshawar Pakistan. I am a young professional squash player. I achieved many titles as I was playing at national and international levels for my country Pakistan. It was only in 2003, that I was selected to play on international level and I first played British Junior Open in 2003. The situation of North West Frontier Province at that time, (now Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province) was getting worse. Talibanization was in intense increase. Anti western slogans and anti west sentiments' were in intense increase on daily basis. Like other colonial influences on Pakistan, squash is one of games that which has been played since the birth of Pakistan. I personally encountered and received many threats because I was playing the game of the enemy (British).
2. I want to let the Refugee Board know something about around of our area before I continue writing my own situation. Many fundamentalists have been residing in that area, crossing borders between Pakistan and Afghanistan without any documents or visa. They believe that the region belongings to one nation (Pashtuns) and they do not accept any borders. Pakistani government is not in control of those areas at all, because of the treaties made between the tribal areas and the government of Pakistan. The tribal people get electricity, water and they are responsible for their security themselves. Conflict resolutions are made through (Jirga) system. Every person carries a gun.
3. Due to recent the political developments in our region, these people developed a special hatred towards people who were imitating the western values, especially for us who plays squash "an English game".
4. The attitudes, culture and politics of those tribal people has been spilled over to our area too, because our area is relatively near Peshawar city. In our area we don't have any security as everybody- just like other people in tribal area- we were responsible for their own security. Our area has been surrounded by Mosques where the Taliban usually study and those mosques belonged to the Taliban supporters. There was one group in particular called Tableeghi Group. These people who do not have the complete knowledge of the religion of Islam itself acted as if they knew everything in this world.
5. On the streets, to the schools or to a social event, if somebody would wear a t-shirt, short or jeans - those fanatics would stop them from wearing those cloths. They really hated these types of dress codes and they would issue them a warning not to wear those. They believe that these types of clothing are not welcomed and also believe those are not part of their culture.
6. I was participating in squash tournaments and travelling to different countries from last few years. Our country's condition was getting worse day by day due to recent regional politics. We could not play with peace of mind because we were mentally disturbed and physically tortures by Taliban. Raising Taliban was a disease that the government of Pakistan once created it, and now we as "Pakistanis" are haunted by it. Talibans do not favour or like us to go outside the county for the tournaments and would tease us on the street on daily basis for playing the game of the enemy.

7. In September 2009, some Taliban came to my house and they asked my parents about my whereabouts. My father said to them that I was in England playing a squash tournament for the country. They accused me that I was working for the English as a spy and not as a player. Again my father said that I was only a squash player and not a spy to the British. But the Taliban wouldn't accept what my father told them and they threatened my father if I ever returned to Pakistan they would kill me.
8. I did not take the threats seriously and I went back Pakistan and I continued playing squash. One day when I was coming back from squash club a few Taliban were standing on my way. They physically attacked me with a knife and wounded my right hand (I still have the scar on my right hand). They did that because they thought I was playing squash with my right hand and they wounded me on it. But luckily they did not know that I was left handed and I continued to play despite all these threats and injuries.
9. Pakistan's number one female champion Ms. Maria Toor coached and trained by a famous coach Nasir Hussain who was training me too at that time. The Taliban and Al-Qaeda also threatened the coach for training us. Me, Maria Toor, my friend Umair Javed and my coach Nasir Hussain and his family were all threatened several times. The demanded us to give up our dreams.
10. In July 2009, the Taliban threatened our coach Nasir Hussain. They told him to stop training us. They accused all squash players of anti local values and accused us of being agents of British. They added by saying that. We were travelling all over the world and traveling to different countries to disseminate information of training centres of the Taliban. So they threatened the coach to stop coaching us otherwise they will kill his and our families.
11. On October 16, 2009, a suicide bomber attacked a police investigation bureau in the Swati Pathak area which just few blocks from our house and close to a Pakistani army garrison. Police officials initially said there were two bombers. This bomb killed two of my coach Nasir Hussein's sisters and his father.
12. Ms. Maria Toor was also accused of wearing boys clothing. It was obvious that she dressed in shorts and smart t-shirt, the hair cut boyishly bout the neck and the Taliban threatened her to wear the Burka. (Local Hijab).
13. In 2009, most foreign tourists were asked to leave the city. Since then cricketers and squash players have hosted no mega or small events. Even in inter-provincial games which were marred by a suicide blasts during the closing ceremony in 2009 and another blast hit the ISI headquarters which rocked the whole city. As a result all the games were postponed. Because of lack of security no international squash event has been held in Pakistan for quite some time.
14. Most powerful blast in the city has occurred near the most visited army stadium in the winter of 2009. Residents were not ready to risk to their lives to go out for recreation anymore. Every morning I used to go to army stadium for warming up and running and to

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get some physical exercise, but due to the bomb blasts I decided to stop going there anymore. Later the U.S consulate was closed in Peshawar due to bomb attack too.

15. When I left to England recently my father called me and advised me do not come back to Pakistan because the Taliban were still coming every week to my house and they were asking when I came back. Two weeks ago when they came to our house and beat my parents. My father was hospitalized because he was injured on his head. I am afraid to go my country because the Taliban will kill me. And government can't protect us.
16. On April 4<sup>th</sup> 2010, I left Peshawar and flown from Islamabad to England via Bangkok and kept in touch with my family through the phone as my father said to me not to come back to Pakistan as it was dangerous for my life.
17. I am now asking for protection from Canada as a refugee claimant because I am in grave danger in my country. I am professional squash player and I will never be able to go back home because it is dangerous and my country Pakistan became a safe place for terrorists. I am also sure through my expertise I will make Canada proud if Canada grants me the opportunity to continue playing professional squash. My dreams will come true if I earned world championship for Canada.

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**To Whom it may concern**

It is hereby certified that Mr. Asif Khan Khalil age 17 years, came to emergency of orthopedic Deptt of L.R.H, where he got treatment for his thumb finger of right hand.

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